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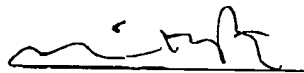
The present application is a U.S. national application of PCT Application No. PCT/IL99/00674 filed December 9, 1999. The claims in the present application were amended by limiting the number of claims to only include the first invention and removing multiple dependencies. These amendments are based on the claims as published.

Applicants have not yet received an IPER. If and when it is received, applicants anticipate filing a second preliminary amendment or other pre-examination action depending on the contents of the preliminary amendment.

A marked-up set of the amended claims section and the related application section is attached hereto.

An examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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## IN THE SPECIFICATION

## RELATED APPLICATIONS

5 This application is a U.S. national filing of PCT application No. PCT/IL99/00674, filed  
December 9, 1999, which is a ~~E~~continuation-in-part of PCT application No.  
PCT/IL99/000284, now U.S. application No. 09/701,531, ~~of~~ PCT application No.  
PCT/IL99/00285, now U.S. application No. 09/701,523, and ~~of~~ a PCT application No.  
10 PCT/IL99/00670 titled "Vascular Surgery", attorney docket 088/01161, all of which designate  
the U.S. the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

## IN THE CLAIMS

15 17.(amended) A cannula having mounted thereon a hole closure device according to claim  
1any of claims 1-16.

20.(amended) A vascular port having mounted thereon a hole closure device according to  
claim 1any of claims 1-16.